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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 8, 2005**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 8, 2005, for which the three-month shortened statutory response date is September 8, 2005. Although a Reply Brief was previously filed in response to the Final Office Action, in order to avoid abandonment of the present patent application, Applicants hereby file this response. This response is being submitted on December 8, 2005 therefore, it is being filed with a Petition for Extension of time of a three-month extension.

Since an extension of time of three-months is required to enable this paper to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this paper is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a

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